

REMARKS

Claims 2-4, 6, 7, 56-59, 62, 63, 67, 68, 71, 76, 77, 79-115, 117, and 119 have been allowed. Allowed claim 90 has been amended to remove the multiple dependency. No new matter has been added.

Drawings

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that the drawings filed on March 26, 2001 are acceptable subject to correction of the informalities indicated on the attached "Notice of Draftspersons's Patent Drawing Review," PTO-948 included with the Office Action mailed June 4, 2004. The Examiner states that, to avoid abandonment, correction is required in reply to the Office Action.

In response, and as requested on PTO-948, Figure 1 and Figure 2 have been reproduced for clarity, and these clear copies of the figures are enclosed.

Specification

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that the abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it is not in single paragraph format, and correction is requested.

In response, Applicants have herein provided a corrected abstract, which is in narrative form and is limited to a single paragraph with between 50 to 150 words.

In paragraph 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that the present disclosure is objected to because the specification fails to provide a Brief Description of the Drawings, and an appropriate correction is requested.

In response, Applicants have herein provided a new paragraph, to be inserted after line 10 of page 6, which briefly describes Figure 1 and Figure 2 and is consistent with the present specification (see pages 26-27). No new matter has been added.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that this application is in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would further expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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